

## TALK OF METHODS

Bankers Meet in Dallas and Discuss Important Questions.

LUNCHEON A FEATURE OF DAY.

Members of Group Two of Oregon Association Entertained by Those of Local Institutions.

Millions of dollars were represented in Dallas on Wednesday, when the semi-monthly session of group two of the Oregon State Bankers' association convened for the transaction of business and to enjoy the hospitality of the men who conduct the local financial institutions. The meeting was quite largely attended by members from Marion, Benton, Lincoln and Polk counties, which comprise the group, several of the visitors being accompanied by their wives. Contrary to expectations the session was of unusual length, considerable more time than was contemplated being devoted to discussions of topics in which all were deeply interested, which discussions proved valuable to the men who guard the coin of the realm and interesting to invited guests of the association.

The meeting was called to order at the court house at 11 o'clock by J. M. Poorman, of the Bank of Woodburn, chairman. The invocation was offered by Edgar W. Miles. A very cordial address of welcome was given by Mayor Van Orsdel and the response was made by S. M. Garland of the First National Bank of Lebanon. In his response, Mr. Garland complimented the city on its neat and prosperous appearance.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: M. S. Woodcock, president of the First National Bank of Corvallis; J. H. Albert, cashier of the Capital National Bank of Salem, vice-president; J. C. Irvine, cashier of the First Savings Bank of Albany, secretary; W. G. Vassall, vice-president of the Dallas City Bank, treasurer. At 1.15 the visitors were guests of the local bankers at an elaborate luncheon given at the Hotel Gail, for which the following is the menu: Potato salad, queen olives, sweet pickles, oyster soup, royal Chinook salmon, Polk county spring lamb with asparagus on toast, loganberry punch, roast chicken with oyster dressing, ice cream and crushed strawberries, fancy cakes, nuts and raisins, coffee, cigars.

Returning to the court-room at 3 o'clock, the visitors were privileged to listen to a talk on the new Currency Bill, given by Edward Cookingham, of the Ladd & Tilton Bank of Portland. Mr. Cookingham, in his address, stated that his purpose was to treat the practical rather than the academic phases of this subject. He stated that our fathers had been wrestling with the financial problem of our country ever since the days of Alexander Hamilton, and that the first systematic financial policy of the country was contained in the National Banking system which was inaugurated after the Civil war. This system seemed inadequate for some time, but its weakness was discovered in the financial panic of 1907 which was primarily a bankers' panic. The new Currency Bill attempted to eliminate the weakness of our banking system. Its weakness was largely contained in these two points: First, our currency was not modernized; second, our currency was not flexible so as to meet the exigency of expanding commerce. The new Currency Bill contains the exemption features of the Aldrich Bill. With these points of difference, while the Aldrich Bill was built around one institution with a minimum of government control, the new Currency Bill is built around around twelve institutions with a maximum of government control. Mr. Cookingham stated that the success of the new bill depended largely upon the personnel of the Reserve Board, and he paid a high compliment to the men who now occupy positions in it. Mr. E. B. Cusick, of the J. W. Cusick Banking Company of Albany, spoke on the proposed changes in our State Banking Laws and suggested several improvements in the banking laws of the state.

The committee on resolutions cordially thanked the local bankers for their hospitality, also Mr. Cookingham for his splendid address, and the retiring officers for their efficient service during the past year.

## THE HOP SITUATION.

Many Missing Hills Are Apparent About Independence.

The Independence Monitor thus sizes up the hop situation around Independence:

"Among the local growers, Tom Fennell has planted 7000 hop roots in missing hills and he may have to plant more. The Wiggins Richard-

son yard was short about 45,000 hills and new plants were put in this season to take the place of the ones that had died. W. W. Percival has planted about 30,000 new plants in his old yard. C. A. McLaughlin, of the Hirschberg yard, states that there is a shortage of from one-fourth to a third and that may be increased, that there are many missing hills, that the cold, frosty weather has kept the vines back and he believes there will be a greater shortage than anticipated at the present time. E. M. Young reports many missing hills and hops coming on very slowly. J. A. Byers of Sidney has many missing hills and Joe Hubbard and S. B. Walker tell the same story."

## MUST TAKE UGLOW SITE.

Council Obligated to Carry Out Agreement, Says Owner.

The city council will convene in regular semi-monthly session Monday evening next. There is a strong probability that the question of purchasing the Uglow land as a site for the proposed septic tank will be resurrected. The owner of the property holds that Dallas, through the aldermanic body, entered into a binding agreement to buy the site under the rules of arbitration; that the arbitrators were regularly appointed, fixed the price and now the city must abide by their conclusions. On the other hand Mayor Van Orsdel and a majority of the councilmen not only believe that the proceedings were irregular, but that the price named is exorbitant.

In an interview with Mr. Uglow on Wednesday that gentleman told The Observer that the city would be compelled to abide by its agreement and take the land at the figure named by the arbitrators, and the deed to the property would be the same one tendered to the council a fortnight since.

## HEAVY FIGHTING WINS.

Tampico Captured and Federal Army Begins Retreat.

The latest from Mexico is that Tampico, the Mexican east coast seaport, second in importance only to Vera Cruz, has been stormed and captured by the constitutionalists. The federal garrison of several thousand men, after withstanding a three-day bombardment, was driven out of the city and were reported to have retreated by rail toward San Luis Potosi, hoping to effect a junction with a line reaching into Mexico City. Constitutionalists at Juarez, however, said that this road was held by their troops under General Eulatio Gutierrez; that they also held the railroad to Monterey and that the federal forces' only retreat lay in an overland march across swamplands.

## Rogers Released on Bond.

Joseph Rogers, who has been confined in the county bastille since last February awaiting action of the grand jury, was released on Wednesday on a bond of \$300, furnished by his father and brother, William and Charles Rogers, respectively. The young man is charged with larceny from a building in West Salem, at which place he resides. It is averred that he entered an empty building and took therefrom a gun.

## Will Muster Post Tomorrow.

Adjutant-General C. A. Williams, G. A. R., Department of Oregon, has notified Commander P. S. Greenwood that he will be in Dallas tomorrow to muster in the newly formed post. The meeting will be held at the Armory at 2.30, and all veterans who have signed the roll are urgently requested to be present for muster. Accompanying Mr. Williams will be several other prominent G. A. R. officials.

## Battle of Ballots Now On.

The primaries are being held today, and by midnight candidates for the various nominations will be relieved of the strain under which they have been during the past week. In the state campaign every republican candidate for governor believes he has the other fellow bested, while locally there is uncertainty in many quarters. The vote up to noon today was about the average—possibly slightly in excess.

## Change at Black Rock.

Mrs. P. Price has been appointed Postmistress at Black Rock, vice Fred J. Holman, resigned. This information came yesterday in a telegram from Congressman Hawley to Mr. Holman, while the latter was in Dallas.

## Prepare for Long Run.

Fifty members of the Portland Motorcycle club are now putting themselves in shape for the endurance run to be held between Portland and Roseburg and return, May 21, 22 and 23. An elaborate program has been arranged by the men who will take part in the contest.

The Commercial club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting next Wednesday evening.

## POLK WILL GET NOTHING

STATE HIGHWAY FUND FOR MODERN ROADS ONLY.

One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars Will Go to Counties Hard Surfacing Roads.

Counties desiring to avail themselves of any portion of the \$170,000 balance in the State Highway fund must construct hard-surface roads, according to the policy of the State Highway Commission, it was decided at a meeting held this week.

Three counties—Clatsop, Jackson and Columbia—have issued road bonds, signified their intention of building stretches of hard-surface roads, and are certain to share in the fund. Marion, Coos and Clackamas will vote on the question of issuing road bonds today, and should the people vote in favor of issuing bonds, and the counties immediately after the election commence road work, they will participate in the fund. Because no other counties have signified their intention of voting on the question of issuing bonds in the near future, it is not likely that any more will receive aid this year from the fund.

The total raised for the state fund through taxation this year was \$238,000. Of this sum \$30,000 was expended in building a road from Biggs to Wasco, in order to give employment to the unemployed. The engineering work by the state in connection with the roads to be built, and being constructed, in Jackson, Clatsop, and Columbia counties will cost about \$40,000, leaving about \$170,000 to be used in aiding the counties in building roads. After discussing the subject, the members of the commission unanimously agreed that this money should only be expended on hard surfaced roads, and only be used in aiding counties which would expend money on this class of highways.

Jackson county voted to issue \$500,000 in bonds for road construction work; Clatsop voted to issue \$400,000, and Columbia \$360,000. Marion today will vote on a bond issue of \$850,000; Clackamas on an issue of \$450,000. No apportionment was made, the members deciding to make none until the counties would present to it the plan of the roads they propose to hard-surface.

## Farms Are Swapped.

H. G. Campbell and F. W. Sloan this week traded farm lands, the transaction being an even swap. Mr. Campbell gets 46 acres on the Willamette river between Independence and Buena Vista, giving therefor 68 acres near Oakdale, four miles west of Dallas. Both properties have improvements. Mr. Campbell will plant hops on his newly acquired ranch, which already has a yard of eight acres.

## TEACHERS JOINT MEET

SPLENDID PROGRAM AT WILLAMINA LAST SATURDAY.

Many Polk County Educators Attend and Participate in Last Institute of Year.

The last local teachers' meeting of the year was held at Willamina in conjunction with Yamhill county on Saturday, May 9th. This was one of the best meetings of the year. In the noon hour the visiting teachers were served with luncheon at the Willamina hotel as the guests of the citizens of Willamina, for which every teacher extended to them their appreciation and went away with the best of thoughts for Willamina and her citizenship.

The following program was carried out: "The Teacher's Attitude toward Local Institutions," H. C. Seymour, Polk county; "Industrial Clubs of Oregon," N. C. Maris, State Field Worker; "A Teacher As Seen From the Outside," Pres. Pennington, Newberg college; "Possibilities of the Junior High School," W. R. Rutherford, McMinnville; "Intermediate Grade Work," Miss Grace Davis, Oregon State Normal; Address, L. S. Pittman, Oregon State Normal; "Teaching of Music," J. P. Powell, Dundee; "Practical Demonstration in Testing the Dairy Herd," W. A. Barr, Oregon Agricultural college; "Writing," Miss Dawson, Oregon State Normal; Address, E. F. Carleton, assistant state superintendent; "The Ideal Vacation," S. S. Duncan, Yamhill county.

The following teachers were present: W. L. Ford, Miss Maude A. McDonald, H. H. Dunkelberger, Miss Edna Morrison, Miss Lula Houk, Miss Ruth Nunn, Miss Cora Rositer, Miss Alta Savage, Dallas; R. E. Silvis, Miss Elizabeth Wirt, Miss Leona Agee, Miss Phina Anderson, Ballston; Miss Ruth Campbell, Salt Creek; Miss Katherine Arbutnot, Miss Grace Davis, Miss Olive Dawson, Monmouth; E. M. Haley, Miss Mary Whitney, Miss Pearl Snedeker, Airdie; W. A. Johnson, Miss Phoebe Wyatt, Miss Ava Schields, Bethel; Miss Daphne Richards, Bethel; Miss Corolla Ballard, Coekran; Miss Lilly Hagman, Butler; Mrs. H. A. Dempsey, Rickreall; Miss Gwendolyn Dicken, Elkins; Miss Genevieve Tillery, Miss Mabel Stevens, Miss Margaret Whealden, Miss Martha Galbreath, Miss Edith West, Miss Hazel Bohanan, Miss Kora Browne, Miss Ella Thatcher, Miss E. Pearl Smith, Independence; Miss Almeader J. Fuller, Miss Helen Cook, Brush College; Miss Etta White, Miss Orpha Bell, West Salem; R. G. Dykstra, Mrs. Bonnie Smith, Mrs. Elder, Buena Vista; Mr. Frank Hutchins, Harmony; Miss Veva Burns, North Dallas; Miss Edna Sweeny, Enter-

## THE OBSERVER WILL FLASH RETURNS

By special arrangement between The Observer and The Oregonian this office will tonight flash State District and Local election returns from the second floor of the Dallas National Bank building across the street to the Bee Hive building. The apparatus to be used will be the very best obtainable, and an experienced operator will be in charge. Two additional telephones have been installed in the offices of Mr. Walter Tooze, The Oregonian's local representative, and with this service as well as that of the telegraph there will be little delay presenting bulletins. This service costs money, but all are interested in the results of the primaries, and The Observer is here to supply the news wants of the community. Be sure and be at the corner of Main and Court streets by 8 o'clock tonight.

## THE ONLY WAY TO BE ELECTED THESE DAYS.



prise; Miss Olive Lembke, Suver; Mrs. Mattie Neal, Greenwood; Mr. E. L. Boyer, Concord; Miss Fay Henson, Oakdale; Mrs. Audie Stone, Guthrie; H. E. Barnhart, Miss Etta Waters, Miss Leota Wolverton, Falls City; Miss E. Loree O'Connell, Black Rock; Mrs. Harriet Acocks, Hopville; Miss Helen Coffee, Highland; J. J. Brown, Rogue River; Miss Eva Schneider, Valley Junction; Miss Mable Wallace, Fern; Miss Carrie Evans, Orchards View; L. V. Macken, H. C. Seymour, seven members of the training class of the Bethel High School and a great number of Polk county people were present.

## DALLAS MEN GET THE HA-HA.

Find What Was Thought to Be Corpse While on Outing.

While fishing two miles above Black Rock last Sabbath, a party of Dallas sports discovered adjacent to the river bank what they supposed to be the corpse of a man. A large piece of oilcloth covered the inanimate form, and believing that some foul deed had been perpetrated and the body of the victim hurriedly hidden in this secluded sylvan dell, the alarm was sounded. A telephonic message was sent to the postmaster as speedily as a wire could be reached, and that representative of Uncle Sam, accompanied by about a dozen other Black Rock citizens, repaired to the scene without ceremony. The most heroic of the posse approached the supposed corpse, cautiously raised the lid, and there found—a decayed log.

It was afterwards learned upon investigation, that some Japanese had been sawing stove wood in the immediate neighborhood, and had used the oilcloth as a shelter from the rain. There was a good laugh all round, but the ha-ha, it is needless to say, was more thoroughly enjoyed by the Black Rockers than by the county seaters.

## FILES A NEW MEASURE.

Initiative Petition Provides for Non-Partisan Judiciary.

A completed petition for an initiative measure providing for a non-partisan judiciary was filed yesterday with the secretary of state by W. M. Davis of Portland. The measure provides that the names of all candidates for the supreme court, circuit courts, county courts, district courts and justices of the peace shall be placed on the register election ballot by petition of 1 per cent of the voters in the state or district or county, as the case may be. All political parties are prohibited from nominating any candidates for any judicial office. The number of names required for a nominating petition must be computed on the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the preceding general election.

## Complaints are Filed.

Complaints have become so numerous against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company that the railroad commission has asked the company to make an inventory and appraisal of all its property in order that the commission may have some data on which to work in regulating its rates. The company will put a force of men at work at once and submit the figures to the commission.

## Burglars Rob Postoffice.

The postoffice of Dayton was robbed Sunday night. The burglars looted the safe getting about \$1300, the larger amount of it being in stamps. The amount of stamps taken will amount to between \$1000 and \$1100 and the balance was in money, the most of which belonged to the postoffice department. They also took about a dozen fountain pens from the postoffice. The safe was blown with nitro glycerine.

## Big Special Sale.

The Bee Hive, as will be seen by reference to the second page of The Observer today, calls attention of the ladies of Polk county to its special sale of seasonable goods now under way. In fact every article in the store is on sale at reduced prices. Watch Tuesday's Observer for announcement.

## Minister Asks Divorce.

Rev. Harry E. Marshall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Salem has filed suit for divorce from his wife, Kittie M. Marshall, in the Marion county circuit court, cruel and inhuman treatment being charged.

## Greenwood School Closes.

Mrs. Neal of this city closed a successful term of school at Greenwood on Wednesday. Her son, Frank Neal, is an applicant for the school next term, Mrs. Neal having determined not to teach.

## Starts Newspaper at Sandy.

Mr. Chas. Bennett, formerly of Dallas, has engaged in the newspaper business at Sandy, Oregon, the first issue of this new publication appearing a fortnight since. Chas. Bennett is a son of A. N. Bennett, the barber.

## RUN OVER BY TRAIN

Former Polk County Man Meets With Serious Accident.

FRANK E. STARBUCK VICTIM.

He Suffers Amputation of Foot at Portland Hospital Late Last Night as Result.

Mr. Frank E. Starbuck of Portland suffered a most distressing accident at Beaverton yesterday afternoon, when in some unknown manner he was run over by a Southern Pacific train, losing a foot by the accident. Dr. Starbuck of this city, who received only meagre particulars concerning the mishap, went to Portland on the first train and visited the patient at the Good Samaritan hospital, where the crushed foot was amputated last night by hospital surgeons.

Frank E. Starbuck formerly resided in Polk county, a resident of the Bola Hills, five miles west of Salem, and has many friends here, all of whom will regret to learn of his misfortune.

## EVERY BIRD HAS VALUE.

Professor Bovard Delivers Interesting Discourse on the Subject.

"Common Oregon Birds, Their Habits and Economic Value," was the subject of the last lecture in the University Extension course given at the High school last night by Professor John S. Bovard of the U. of O. Photograph pictures of most of our common birds, their nests and young in various stages of growth, were shown. It was shown throughout the lecture that birds should be protected and nests unmolested, not alone for their beauty, but for their great value in exterminating insects and small rodents.

A young bird will double its weight on the first day, said the speaker. By observation in ten hours one pair of birds visited the nest 428 times, each time carrying from two to four insects. Even birds whose common food is weed seeds feed their young insects. The owl and hawk, although individuals may sometimes take a chicken or young bird, live almost entirely on small field animals. In confirmation of this the speaker told of a man in the eastern part of the state who had been very zealous in shooting hawks, and in two or three years his grain fields were infested with field mice, which formerly had furnished food for the hawks.

It is estimated that in the United States \$800,000,000 worth of farm and orchard products are annually destroyed. Yet for each insect, even if its home be in the ground or under the bark of a tree, there is some bird fitted by nature to follow and destroy it.

## Birthday Celebrated.

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. J. R. Conlee assembled with him last Saturday at mid-day dinner, the occasion being his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary. Among the number were: G. C. Conlee, Dundee; Eliza Orchard, McMinnville; Mary O. Conner, Ann Hinshaw, George P. Conlee, of Dallas, W. H. Conlee, of Salt Creek. The grandchildren are: Lydia Wilson, Olive Parker, Vernon Hinshaw, of Dallas, and Goldie Orchard, McMinnville. Great grand children, the Masters Parker and Rennie Wilson, of Dallas.

## Seek Aid From Citizens.

The Dallas baseball boys will give a dance at the Armory tomorrow night the object being to raise funds with which to liquidate their indebtedness, which aggregates about \$125. Thus far this season the games have not been patronized, due in part to unfavorable weather conditions, and this puts the team in the hole financially.

## Streets Will Be Oiled.

The city council has entered into a contract with the Road Oiling company for "greasing" about fifteen miles of streets, and work will be commenced within a day or two. The price agreed upon is a fraction over \$34 per mile.

## Inflicts Painful Wound.

Mr. Fred Voget, of the Falls City Lumber company, is nursing a very painful wound of the hand, inflicted by himself with an axe while cutting wood. A physician took several stitches to close the wound.

## Visitors' Day at Normal.

Tomorrow will be visiting day for a body of 125 teachers of Portland, who come here on a special excursion to inspect the Oregon Normal.